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TAGS: CASC (RADZIMINSKA, INA)

SUBJECT: W/W

1. CONSOFF WILLIAMS, UPON RECEIVING REPORT OF PHONE CALL FROM AMEMBASSY LONDON ON 9 JULY REQUESTING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT AND GIVING HER BUCHAREST ADDRESS, MADE UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO HOTEL MUNTENIA, STR. AKAEEMIE 21, AT CIRCA 1800. CONSOFF WAS DIRECTED TO ROOM 503, WHERE SHE MET MS. RADZIMINSKA, WHO WAS PREPARING TO GO OUT FOR CHEST X-RAYS WITH UNNAMED FRIEND. APPONTIMENT WAS MADE FOR 2300 FOR CHAT (AND VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY.) MS. RADZIMINSKA WAS LATE; SHE PHONED HOTEL AT 2320 TO SAY THAT SHE WOULD BE ABOUT ANOTHER HALF HOUR. CONSOFF WAITED. WHEN MS. RADZIMINSKA ARRIVED, CONSOFF AND SHE HELD AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION ON CONSOFF'S CAR AS MS. RADZIMINSKA'S ROOM WAS TINY AND LOBBY WAS CLOSED. IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE BY PASSPORT, WHICH APPEARED TO BE GENUINE. CONSOFF GAVE HER TWO PIECES OF MAIL WHICH EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED FOR HER. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR MS. RADZIMINSKA TO COME TO CONSULATE CIRCA NOON ON MONDAY, 11 JULY.

2. MS. RADZIMINSKA EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD CONTRACTED BAD CASE OF BRONCHITIS IN POLAND, WHICH STRUCK AFTER SHE ENTERED ROMANIA AND PUT HER ALAT ON HER BACK UNTIL 9 JULY. SHE STILL HAD COUGH, BUT OTHERWISE APPEARED TO
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BE IN GOOD HEALTH. ON 16 JULY SHE PLANNED TO TRAVEL ON TO EFORIE ON THE BLACK SEA COAST TO TAKE THE CURE FOR HER ARTHRITIS. SHE THEN WISHED TO TRAVEL BACK TO POLAND AND STAY THERE LONGER THAN SHE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED IN ORDER TO STAY WITH UNNAMED SICK COUSIN.

3. POST RECEIVED TWO CALLS SUNDAY MORNING, 10 JULY, BOTH

PRESUMABLY FROM AMEMBASSY LONDON. FIRST CALL REPORTED THAT LONDON FRIEND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH MS. RADZIMINSKA AT HER HOTEL. SECOND ASKED THAT AMERICAN DOCTOR SEE MS. RADZIMINSKA AND THAT SHE BE TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. SHORTLY AFTER FIRST CALL, CONSOFF CALLED HOTEL MUNTENIA AND SPOKE TO MS. RADZIMINSKA, ASKING HER TO CALL DR. HENIG IN LONDON AND GIVING HER THE NUMBER. AFTER THE SECOND PHONE CALL, CONSOFF PLACED CALL TO LONDON TO TALK TO LONDON CONSOFF SAMUEL KARP. MR. KARP COULD NOT BE REACHED; HE LATER RETURNED CALL. CONSOFF EXPLAINED THAT NO AMERICAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT POST AND ASKED FOR JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. MR. KARP STATED THAT AMEMBASSY LONDON HAD NOT PLACED SUCH REQUEST, BUT THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT DR. HENIG FELT THIS WAS NECESSARY. SECOND CALL, THEREFORE, APPARENTLY FROM DR. HENIG, WHO DID NOT DISABUSE OFFICER WHO ANSWERED PHONE AT EMBASSY OF HIS NOTION THAT SHE WAS FROM AMEMBASSY LONDON. SINCE CONSOFF HAD MADE UNANNOUNCED VISIT AND LATER UNANNOUNCED PHONE CALL TO MS. RADZIMINSKA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND AS MS. RADZIMINSKA SEEMED TO HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND TO BE CALM AND UNRUFFLED, MR. KARP AGREED WITH CONSOFF WILLIAMS THAT PROTECTIVE CUSTODY WAS NOT CALLED FOR AT THIS TIME. MR. KARP STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT DR. HENIG AND TELL HER OF CONSOFF'S VISITS AND IMPRESSIONS.

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4. DURING CHAT WITH MS. RADZIMINSKA SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN ROMANIA LAST YEAR IN APRIL/MAY AND HAD HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH CONSUL ANTHONY PERKINS AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE MRS. CAPATINA AS SHE HAD HAD ALL OF HER EFFECTS STOLEN. MRS. CAPATINA SHOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY CONSOFF WILLIAMS' IDENTIFICATION OF MS. RADZIMINSKA THIS NOON. (FYI, CONSUL PERKINS NO LONGER AT POST.)

5. IN ROMANIA, IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR DESK TO TELL PHONE CALLER AND EVEN VISITOR THAT SOMEONE NOT REGISTERED AT HOTEL, EVEN WHEN VISITOR HAS JUST CONTACTED PERSON. CONSOFF'S SUCCESSFUL CALL ON SUNDAY MORNING PROBABLY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE CONSOFF KNEW ROOM NUMBER. PLEASE ADVISE DR. HENIG TO ASK FOR MS. RADZIMINSKA BY NAME AND ROOM NUMBER WHEN SHE CALLS. WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT IF DR. HENIG BELIEVES MS. RADZIMINSKA IN DANGER, SHE RPT SHE SHOULD CONVINCE HER TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO U.S. BY AIR. POST DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY MS. RADZIMINSKA, NOR WE PLACE HER IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY IF SHE REFUSES.

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